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## Melvin Rogers, 52

Melvin Rogers, 52, Neola, died Friday, Feb. 3, at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, Minn. Rogers had undergone surgery for cancer 18 months ago and was in Rochester for a series of examinations at the Mayo Clinic.

A Craig, Neb., native, Rogers earned a bachelor's degree from Dana College in Blair, Neb., before gaining a master's degree from the University of Nebraska at Omaha.



**Melvin B.  
Rogers**

He also had a specialist's degree in school administration from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

Rogers taught English at Underwood High School for four years before being named the first principal of the newly completed Neola Tri-Center High School in 1962.

After a three-year stint as principal, Rogers was named Neola T-C superintendent at the age of 29, making him the youngest superintendent of schools in Iowa history.

Survivors include his wife, Florence E. Rogers of Neola; two sons, Scott J. Rogers of Council Bluffs and Marty B. Rogers of Blair; father, Bryan C. Rogers of Craig, Neb.; and

three brothers, Ronald Rogers of Craig, Wally Rogers of Winnebago, Neb., and Gene Rogers of Omaha, Neb.

Services were held on Monday, Feb. 6, at the Neola T-C school gymnasium. Burial followed at Neola Cemetery.